(d) and (e) Products developed by RETC, Jaipur are field tested at Block/Panchayat levels. The product-line for computerised milk collection system have helped in automation as well as fair and prompt payment to the dairy farmers at village co-operative societies for milk collection. The Solar Photovoltaic systems (SPV) have helped in providing energy in un-electrified remote areas for pumping, lighting, telecommunication, entertainment etc.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Parle and Coco-Cola Agreement

*207. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to intervene directly in the issue of the corporate mergers and tie-ups between Parle and Coco-Cola ;

(b) if so, whether investigations on the impact of the Parle and Coco-Cola Agreement on the soft-drink market have been launched ;

(c) what are the details thereof ; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government against those companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. Corporate mergers/amalgamations are governed by the provisions of Sections 391—394 of the Companies Act, 1956 requiring approval of the High Courts. The tie-up arrangement between Parle Exports Limited and Coca Cola Company is not a case of merger/amalgamation. However, the Director General of Investigation & Registration (DGI&R) empowered to make investigations for purposes of the Monopolies & Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969, has called upon M/s Parle Exports Limited, Bombay to furnish a copy of the agreement entered into with Coca Cola Company, Atlanta, USA to examine whether the same is registrable under Section 35 of the MRTP Act. On receipt of the agreement and other relevant details, DGI&R will take appropriate action for alleged restrictive trade practices, if any, under the said Act.

Reducing subsidy on Fertilizers

*209. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is Government's policy to reduce subsidy on fertilizers and if so, what has been the achievement so far in this direction ;

(b) what are the latest estimates of production, demand and import of fertilizers (including foreign exchange cost) during each Year of the Eighth Five Year Plan ; and

(c) what measures are being taken to achieve self-sufficiency in fertilizer production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) At present, only the nitrogenous fertilizers, namely, Urea, Calcium Ammonium Nitrate, Ammonium Sulphate and Ammonium Chloride are covered under the subsidy scheme. With effect from 25-8-92, all phosphatic and potassic fertilizers have been decontrolled. However, a special concession of Rs. 1000/tonne continues to be provided from Rabi 1992-93 on sale of MOP to farmers. Similar concession of Rs. 1000/tonne of DAP and proportionate concession in respect of complex fertilizers was provided during the Rabi 1992-93. However, during the current year, this special concession of Rs. 1000/tonne is available on indigenous DAP and proportionate concession in respect of complex fertilizers and SSP. No such concession is available on imported DAP.

(b) Estimates of demand, production and import of fertliizers (nutrient-wise) in the